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Attach: Divisional Department Invitee List

Re: Conference call and CFD/suburban operational familiarization sessions

The City of Chicago Fire Department, MABAS Division 9, is requesting a number of field-based operational meetings between City and suburban fire companies and their shift commanders/battalion chiefs.

The sessions would tentatively be scheduled for weekends where suburban and City fire companies would meet at a common border location for purposes including:

- Familiarization with fire apparatus, hose loads and equipment carried;
- Discussion on basic scene operations and procedural duties of 1st, 2nd and truck operations first arriving on an incident
- Introduction of personnel from both sides of the jurisdictional border
- Checking special hydrant wrenches for operation as well as thread adapters
- Checking VHF fireground radio frequencies between City and suburban companies
- Checking MABAS City of Chicago map books for any fire station relocations
- Following the border meeting of fire companies and street chiefs, perhaps the suburban street chiefs can go back to the battalion chiefs' quarters to check their city Gamevell change of quarters key and their MABAS Knox Box key in the change of quarters cabinet to ensure hydrant wrench, adapters and map book are present.

The conference call will be held as follows:

Tuesday, May 1, 2012
1030-1130 hrs

Number: 1-877-366-0711
Access code: 40525101#

We ask that each Division Board and each department listed on the attached "Bordering Departments and CFD Battalions" has one (1) representative on the conference call. The topics to be discussed on the call include:

- Coordinating points of contact for each Division and Chicago Fire Dept.
- Dates (weekends, preferably) for the border meetings and times. (It is preferred that this project be completed prior to May's Spring Thing.)
- Merging of suburban departments to meet with Chicago Fire Department colleagues at a single border location is acceptable.
- Equipment to be checked, including hydrant wrenches, adapters, map books, Gamevell keys, MABAS COQ key, etc.
- Topics for discussion – operational procedures, special areas worthy of note, equipment orientations
- Radio frequency interoperability – IFERN, fireground
- Chief officers post-discussion topics

Please review the attached list of suburban fire agencies with their bordering CFD battalions to assure that no fire agency has been missed. Please make sure that every suburban fire agency listed on the attached list participates in the Tuesday, May 1, 2012 conference call.

Bordering Departments and CFD Battalions

MABAS Division	Department	CFD Battalion
1	Des Plaines	6
	Elk Grove Township	6
	Elk Grove Village	6
3	Evanston	9
	Skokie	11
	Lincolnwood	10, 11
	Niles	11
	Park Ridge	11
11	Oak Park	8, 13
	Cicero	14
	Stickney	14
	Forest View	14
20	Rosemont	6, 11
	Schiller Park	6, 11, 8
	Franklin Park	8
	River Grove	8
	Elmwood Park	8
	Norwood Park	11
21	Summit	16
	Bedford Park	16, 20
	Burbank	20
	Hometown	20
	Oak Lawn	20, 21
	Evergreen Park	20, 21
22	Alsip	21
	Blue Island	21
	Calumet Park	21, 22
	Merrionette Park	21
24	Riverdale	22
	Dolton	22
	Burnham	24
	Calumet City	24